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Message from the President

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For those who have not read or heard, the leadership of the Allegheny Institute has changed. Jerry Bowyer has resigned to devote more time to his radio and television activities. I have been appointed as his successor.

The Allegheny Institute is in the process of reestablishing a highly visible presence in local policy debates. As always the Allegheny Institute will vigorously champion the interests of the taxpayers through its commitment to free markets, small government, individual liberty and the protection of property rights.

We are committed to shining the bright light of well-reasoned arguments and facts on the policy arena. To be sure, the job of rolling back the size and scope of government is not easy. It will take a long time as well as the sustained efforts of many people and organizations. The Institute will work diligently and tirelessly to accomplish that objective. Our efforts against stadium taxes, the abuse of eminent domain, and the profligate use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for development projects, among many projects we have undertaken, was just the beginning. Who can say for sure what the critical policy issue facing Allegheny County or the region will be three years from now? But whatever it is, we will weigh in with gusto.

We want to thank all those who have supported the mission of the Institute. We hope you will continue to do so.

This POLICY BRIEF is the inaugural issue of what will be a regularly scheduled look at important questions facing our region. It is available by e-mail only at no charge.

Coming very soon our first issue brief: A new look at the Lazarus TIF in light of Sabre System's revaluation and the City's abandonment of the two tax structure.

Your ideas and comments are welcome. Contact us at the e-mail address below.

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